

## COL. CHAS. DENBY

A Commission Member Who Holds  
Radical Views.

ON THE WAY TO MANILA

Is Well Acquainted With the Orient.  
His Ministerial Career—An  
Avowed Expansionist

Col. Chas. Denby, a member of President McKinley's commission to the Philippines, is a passenger by the America Maru for Hongkong, whence he will sail to Manila.

Col. Denby is in the peculiar position of a Democrat in high favor with the Administration. Born in Virginia, educated at Georgetown and at the Virginia Military Academy at Lexington, he fought for the Union and was twice wounded in battle. President Cleveland appointed him Minister to China in 1885, and through a most successful maneuver he was retained by President Harrison, and lasted through President Cleveland's second administration, retiring from the Orient only in 1898. He was successful and popular there—so much so that when Harrison was elected and there seemed some danger of his losing his political head the President was simply deluged with letters from prominent men in China and elsewhere petitioning for Denby's retention.

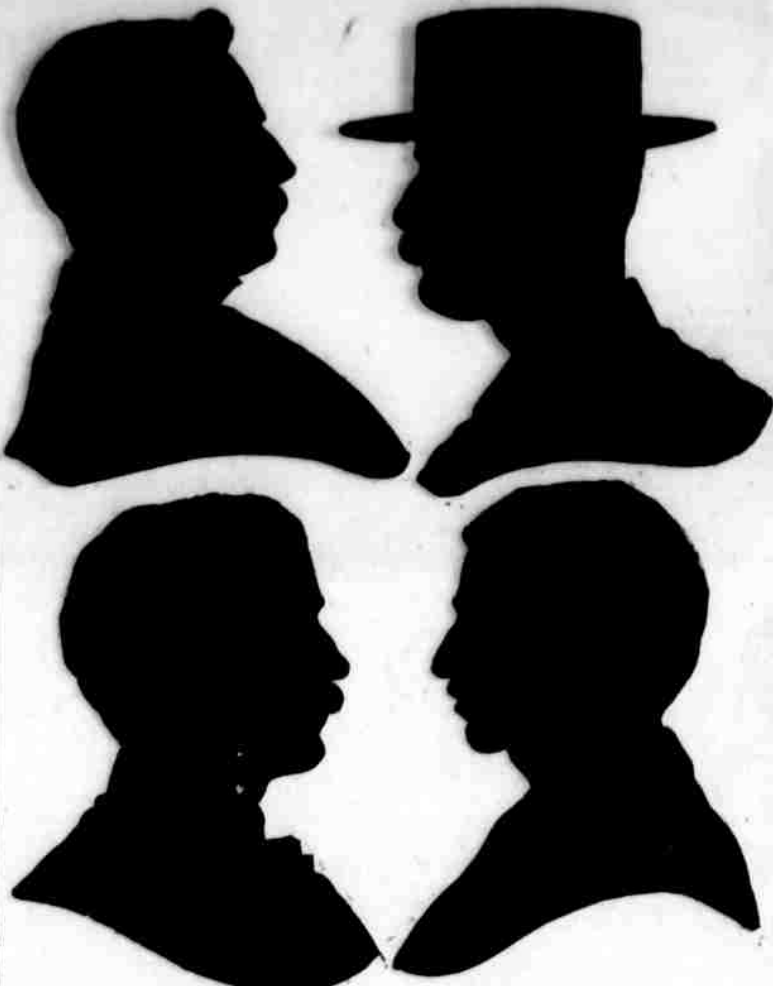
Colonel Denby holds decided views, and yet has all the coolness and deliberation of the accomplished diplomat. He is not in accord with the Democratic party on many great questions of principle and policy, though at one time he was prominently talked of for the vice-presidency on the Democratic ticket. Before his appointment on the Philippines Commission Colonel Denby had expressed his views on the question of the Philippines. These views were published in numberless interviews, and were well known at the time of his appointment. He does not mind telling what his views on the Philippines question were before his appointment, and he goes so far last as to say that the recent war news from the islands had not changed his opinion. Colonel Denby said that he considered the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands "an act of great wisdom."

He said: "I wish I distinctly understood what the views I hold concerning the Philippines are those I held before my appointment, and which I pressed publicly at that time. I have nothing to say as to my opinions at the present time. I have always thought that we should hold the Philippines, whether as colony, dependency or territory I am not willing to say—that is a question to be determined later. The trouble with us in America is that we lack backbone. We hold the Philippines exactly as we hold Porto Rico. I suppose the title cannot be held to have passed until the treaty is ratified by Spain, but we certainly have a strong moral claim to the islands. Our title is the strongest that a country can possibly have—a title by conquest."

"The present difficulties in the Philippines have not changed my mind in this regard. These men are simply rebels, who do not represent the sentiment of the country. When Formosa was transferred from China to Japan, the envoys of China who were to hand the island over to Japan did not dare land, so strong was the feeling of the country against them. They sailed in sight of the island and there read a paper which formally transferred the island to Japan. There was a rebellion, but it amounted to nothing. Japan quickly subdued it, and the island has been quiet ever since. It will be the same in the Philippines. Of course, the President is sorry and we are all sorry that there had to be bloodshed, but our soldiers could not help firing back when they were fired upon. It does not matter whether these people want to be governed by us or not. We settled that question in '61, '62, '63 and '64, when we fought to govern a people who did not want to be governed by us. After we had conquered them we reconstructed their governments for them, and when we had finished we turned the governments over to them. The same thing will be done in the Philippines. These men who are fighting are nothing but rebels and must be conquered. We are prevented by our own past from giving them up."

Col. Denby also has decided views on the question of the Orient and Chinese trade on which his long experience in China fits him to speak with authority. He is in substantial agreement with Lord Balfour on the points of the latter's policy. He advised the United States to protest at the time when the first partition of China occurred and he has stood for such a vigorous policy ever since. He believes that the great powers chiefly interested in Chinese trade should stand together

## CITIZENS IN THE SHADE.



These are pure profiles. Davey, the photographer, made them. For experimental work he secured by invitation four of the chief faddists of the town, for the silhouette is now a fad. It has jumped out here from Chicago, via San Francisco. The first man in the quartette here shown is the able young Circuit Judge, W. L. Stanley, who goes from the bench direct to the cricket field. The next man, the man with the hat, is Ernest Woodhouse, who was one of the best base ball players of the day when he was on the diamond.

to prevent further dismemberment of the old empire, and he does not believe that the specious promise of greedy European powers should be respected. He thinks that England has acted in the matter in bad faith and foolishly. In the first instance England took a hand in the work of partition, and later, when she made a demand in regard to Russian aggression, she backed down. Colonel Denby criticizes Lord Salisbury for believing that after China has been dismembered the treaty ports and free ports would be continued. With Lord Balfour he regards the dismemberment of China as radically unsafe, and wants to see the treaties maintained as at present.

In spite of this agreement with Lord Balfour on the subject of partition and the recommendation that the interested powers should prevent any further advance in this direction, he does not believe in the open-door policy. "The open-door is all nonsense," he says categorically. "They are always talking about it in Parliament, and most of them do not know what it means. The idea that the various nations would partition China first and preserve the 'open door' afterward for the benefit of some other nation is absurd. We don't want any open door. What we want is the treaty ports as they are now. Any change in China looking toward the establishment of European colonies will be detrimental to us. That is what I have insisted all along. The interference should have begun long ago and should have been firm. There should be American interference wherever there are American interests to protect."

J. K. Farley, who had planned to leave for the States by the Hongkong Maru, has decided, on account of the discouraging weather reports from the States, to postpone his visit for a fortnight or more.

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## THE BIBLE BOAT

## Missionary Packet Morning Star Getting Ready

To Resume Business in the South Seas—Capt. Gray Still Commands—The War.

(S. F. Chronicle.) The missionary steamer Morning Star came over from Oakland creek February 3rd and began preparing for her return to the South seas, where she acts as transport for the missionaries between the islands of the Marshall, Caroline and Gilbert groups and as a trading ship in the interests of the Congregational Foreign Missionary Society.

The Morning Star is at present at Beale-street wharf, where she is taking on board 200 tons of coal. She will later remove to Fremont street to outfit for a nine months' cruise and will sail for the South seas on March 1st. Miss Wilson, who returned in the Morning Star on her last trip, will go back in her to resume charge of the girls' school at Kusaie. Mrs. Stimson, the wife of a missionary, and her three children will also be passengers as far as the island of Ruk.

Captain Gray still commands the missionary trader. He and his wife make their home on board, and their life, for the most part, is a succession of cruises in a well-appointed yacht, for such the Morning Star is. She is barkentine rigged, but is provided with auxiliary steam power, and, wind or no wind, can go wherever her skipper wishes.

The Morning Star will not return to San Francisco. Her headquarters are at Honolulu, where Captain Gray and his wife usually spend the winter after nine months cruising among the South sea islands. The war has interfered somewhat with the vessel's regular programme. Fear of Spanish cruisers induced Captain Gray to winter in San Francisco, and the continuance of the war caused him to keep his ship out of commission longer than usual. There are many Spanish settlers on the islands visited by the Morning Star, and Captain Gray preferred to brave a San Francisco winter rather than take chances of losing his floating home.

REVOLUTION IN VENEZUELA. CARACAS, February 20.—Roman Guerra, President of the State of Guayrico, has started a revolution against President Ignacio Andrade.

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